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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

*IN RE PACIFIC FERTILITY CENTER  
LITIGATION*

Case No. 3:18-cv-01586-JSC

~~[PROPOSED]~~ **STIPULATED  
PROTECTIVE ORDER FOR HIGHLY  
SENSITIVE CONFIDENTIAL  
INFORMATION, INCLUDING  
PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION  
AND TRADE SECRETS**

1 **1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

2 Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve production of confidential,  
 3 proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for  
 4 any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby  
 5 stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order (“Order”). The  
 6 parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses  
 7 to discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited  
 8 information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles. The  
 9 parties further acknowledge, as set forth in paragraph 12.3, below, that this Order does not entitle them  
 10 to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be  
 11 followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file  
 12 material under seal. The parties further acknowledge and agree that a protective order that meets the  
 13 requirements of a “qualified protective order,” as that term is defined by 45 C.F.R. §164.512(e)(1)(v),  
 14 may be required for certain information and documents and agree to comply with any privacy  
 15 requirements imposed on them by regulations promulgated under the Health Insurance Portability and  
 16 Accountability Act of 1996 (45 C.F.R. Part 164) and California Civil Code §§56 et seq.

17 **2. DEFINITIONS**

18 2.1 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of information  
 19 or items under this Order.

20 2.2 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of how it is  
 21 generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of  
 22 Civil Procedure 26(c).

23 2.3 Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel and House Counsel (as well as their  
 24 support staff).

25 2.4 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that it  
 26 produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY  
 27 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.”  
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1           2.5    Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the medium or  
2 manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony,  
3 transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery  
4 in this matter.

5           2.6    Expert: a person who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert  
6 witness or as a consultant in this action.

7           2.8    “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” Information or Items:  
8 extremely sensitive “Confidential Information or Items,” disclosure of which to another Party or Non-  
9 Party would create a substantial risk of serious harm that could not be avoided by less restrictive means.

10          2.7    House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this action. House Counsel  
11 does not include Outside Counsel or any other outside counsel.

12          2.8    Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity  
13 not named as a Party to this action.

14          2.9    Outside Counsel: attorneys who are not employees of a party to this action but are  
15 retained to represent or advise a party about the subject matter of this litigation.

16          2.10   Party: any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors, employees,  
17 consultants, and retained experts.

18          2.11   Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in  
19 this action.

20          2.12   Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services (e.g.,  
21 photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and organizing, storing,  
22 or retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and subcontractors.

23          2.13   Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as  
24 “CONFIDENTIAL” or as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.”

25          a.     Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a  
26 Producing Party.

1 **3. SCOPE**

2 The protections conferred by this Order cover not only Protected Material (as defined above),  
 3 but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts,  
 4 summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or  
 5 presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material. However, the protections  
 6 conferred by this Order do not cover the following information: (a) any information that is in the public  
 7 domain at the time of disclosure to a Receiving Party or becomes part of the public domain after its  
 8 disclosure to a Receiving Party as a result of publication not involving a violation of this Order,  
 9 including becoming part of the public record through trial or otherwise; and (b) any information known  
 10 to the Receiving Party prior to the disclosure or obtained by the Receiving Party after the disclosure  
 11 from a source who obtained the information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to the  
 12 Designating Party. Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by a separate agreement or  
 13 order.

14 **4. DURATION**

15 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this  
 16 Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order  
 17 otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and  
 18 defenses in this action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion  
 19 and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this action, including the time  
 20 limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to applicable law.

21 **5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

22 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each Party or  
 23 Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care to limit  
 24 any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. The  
 25 Designating Party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral  
 26 or written communications that qualify – so that other portions of the material, documents, items, or  
 27 communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of  
 28 this Order.

Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber or retard the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

A plaintiff's identity shall not be designated "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" unless that plaintiff is actively undergoing treatment at Pacific Fertility Center. Any such designations will be automatically downgraded to "CONFIDENTIAL" 60 days after the first such designation. Plaintiffs continuing to actively undergo treatment at Pacific Fertility Center after 60 days from a prior designation are permitted to re-designate their identities "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." Nothing in this paragraph is intended to restrict defendants' ability to challenge the confidentiality designation of any plaintiff's identity using the procedures set forth in this Order.

If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of paragraph 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or produced.

Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

(a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents or materials available for inspection need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which material it would

1 like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all of the material made  
2 available for inspection shall be deemed “CONFIDENTIAL” or as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
3 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.” After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants copied  
4 and produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for  
5 protection under this Order. Then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must  
6 affix the “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” legend  
7 to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page  
8 qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by  
9 making appropriate markings in the margins).

10 (b) for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings, that the  
11 Designating Party identify on the record, before the close of the deposition, hearing, or other  
12 proceeding, all protected testimony and specify the level of protection being asserted. Alternatively, the  
13 Designating Party may have up to 21 days following receipt of the final transcript to identify the  
14 specific portions of the testimony as to which protection is sought and to specify the level of protection  
15 being asserted. Only those portions of the testimony that are appropriately designated for protection  
16 within the 21 days shall be covered by the provisions of this Order. Alternatively, a Designating Party  
17 may specify, at the deposition or up to 21 days afterwards that the entire transcript shall be treated as  
18 “CONFIDENTIAL” or as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.”

19 Parties shall give the other parties notice if they reasonably expect a deposition, hearing or other  
20 proceeding to include Protected Material so that the other parties can ensure that only authorized  
21 individuals who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A) are  
22 present at those proceedings. The use of a document as an exhibit at a deposition shall not in any way  
23 affect its designation as “CONFIDENTIAL” or as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’  
24 EYES ONLY.”

25 Transcripts containing Protected Material shall have an obvious legend on the title page that the  
26 transcript contains Protected Material, and the title page shall be followed by a list of all pages  
27 (including line numbers as appropriate) that have been designated as Protected Material and the level of  
28 protection being asserted by the Designating Party. The Designating Party shall inform the court

reporter of these requirements. Prior to the expiration of the 21-day period for designation, all transcripts shall be treated as if they had been designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” in its entirety unless otherwise agreed. After the expiration of that period, the transcript shall be treated only as actually designated.

(c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored the legend “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.” If only a portion or portions of the information or item warrant protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s) and specify the level of protection being asserted.

5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party’s right to secure protection under this Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

## **6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party’s confidentiality designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not waive its right to challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the original designation is disclosed.

6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the meet and confer process by providing written notice of each designation it is challenging and describing the basis for each challenge. To avoid ambiguity as to whether a challenge has been made, the written notice must recite that the challenge to confidentiality is being made in accordance with this specific paragraph of the Protective Order. The parties shall attempt to resolve each challenge in good faith and must begin the process by selecting a mutually agreeable time and format to confer directly (in voice to voice dialogue;



1 other forms of communication are not sufficient) within 14 days of the date of service of notice. In  
2 conferring, the Challenging Party must explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality  
3 designation was not proper and must give the Designating Party an opportunity to review the  
4 designated material, to reconsider the circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered, to  
5 explain the basis for the chosen designation. A Challenging Party may proceed to the next stage of the  
6 challenge process only if it has engaged in this meet and confer process first or establishes that the  
7 Designating Party is unwilling to participate in the meet and confer process in a timely manner.

8         6.3 Judicial Intervention. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court  
9 intervention, the Designating Party shall file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under Civil  
10 Local Rule 7 (and in compliance with Civil Local Rule 79-5, if applicable) within 21 days of the initial  
11 notice of challenge or within 14 days of the parties agreeing that the meet and confer process will not  
12 resolve their dispute, whichever is later. Protected Material produced in discovery for which protection  
13 is sought may be described by categories with illustrative examples if the subject matter of the dispute  
14 is voluminous. Each such motion must be accompanied by a competent declaration affirming that the  
15 movant has complied with the meet and confer requirements imposed in the preceding paragraph.  
16 Failure by the Designating Party to make such a motion including the required declaration within 21  
17 days (or 14 days, if applicable) shall automatically waive the confidentiality designation for each  
18 challenged designation. In addition, the Challenging Party may file a motion challenging a  
19 confidentiality designation at any time if there is good cause for doing so, including a challenge to the  
20 designation of a deposition transcript or any portions thereof. Any motion brought pursuant to this  
21 provision must be accompanied by a competent declaration affirming that the movant has complied  
22 with the meet and confer requirements imposed by the preceding paragraph.

23         The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party.  
24 Frivolous challenges and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary  
25 expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the  
26 Designating Party has waived the confidentiality designation by failing to file a motion to retain  
27 confidentiality as described above, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the level  
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of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the court rules on the challenge.

## **7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this case only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the litigation has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of paragraph 13 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

7.2 Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated "CONFIDENTIAL" only to:

(a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel in this action, as well as employees of said Outside Counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation;

(b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation;

(c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

(d) the court and its personnel;

(e) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation;

(f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action if the Designating Party consents to disclosure, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material must be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this Order.

(g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

7.3 Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” only to:

(a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel in this action, as well as employees of said Outside Counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation;

(b) non-M.D. employees of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

(c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party (1) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation, (2) who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), and (3) as to whom the procedures set forth in paragraph 7.5, below, have been followed;

(d) the court and its personnel;

(e) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, and Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation; and

(f) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

7.4 Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” Information or Items Automatically Downgraded to “CONFIDENTIAL”. Prior to disclosing any plaintiff identities as “CONFIDENTIAL” instead of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” pursuant to the automatic reclassification set forth in paragraph 5.1, the Disclosing Party will notify that plaintiff’s attorney and allow the plaintiff’s attorney to renew the “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” if the plaintiff is continuing to undergo treatment at Pacific Fertility Center.

7.5 Procedures for Approving or Objecting to Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” Information or Items to Experts.

The parties were unable to reach agreement on this provision, and—on or before Monday, September 17, 2018—intend to submit competing provisions, along with their proposed rationales consistent with Paragraph 2 of the Civil Discovery section of this Court’s Civil Standing Order.

**8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION**

8.1 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” that Party must:

(a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

(b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Order; and

(c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

8.2 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” before a determination by the court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

**9. A NON-PARTY’S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION**

9.1 The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-Party in this action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.” Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by

the remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

9.2 In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall:

a. promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;

b.. promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Order, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of the information requested; and

c. make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-Party.

9.3 If the Non-Party fails to object or seek a protective order from this court within 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

#### **10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

1 **11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED**  
 2 **MATERIAL**

3 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently produced  
 4 material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties  
 5 are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B) and in accordance with the procedure  
 6 set forth in Section 8 of the Parties' Stipulated Order Re: Discovery of Electronically Stored  
 7 Information (which is consistent with Federal Rule of Evidence 502(b)).

8 **12. MISCELLANEOUS**

9 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its  
 10 modification by the court in the future.

11 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective Order no  
 12 Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or  
 13 item on any ground not addressed in this Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any  
 14 ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

15 12.3 Filing Protected Material. Without written permission from the Designating Party or a  
 16 court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party may not file in the public  
 17 record in this action any Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any Protected Material  
 18 must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a  
 19 court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue. Pursuant to Civil Local  
 20 Rule 79-5, a sealing order will issue only upon a request establishing that the Protected Material at  
 21 issue is privileged, protectable as a trade secret, or otherwise entitled to protection under the law. If a  
 22 Party's request to file Protected Material under seal pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(d) is denied by  
 23 the court, that Party shall have five days to initiate a review of the court's decision. If no review is  
 24 initiated during that time, then the Receiving Party may file the Protected Material in the public record  
 25 pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(e) unless otherwise instructed by the court.

26 **13. FINAL DISPOSITION**

27 Within 60 days after the final disposition of this action, as defined in paragraph 4, each  
 28 Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As

1 used in this subdivision, “all Protected Material” includes all copies, abstracts, compilations,  
2 summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Whether the  
3 Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written certification to  
4 the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60-day  
5 deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned  
6 or destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts,  
7 compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material.  
8 Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion  
9 papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial  
10 exhibits, expert reports, and attorney work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material.  
11 Any such archival copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective  
12 Order as set forth in paragraph 4 (DURATION).

EXHIBIT A

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, [print or type full name], of  
[print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety  
and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for  
the Northern District of California on [date] in the case of *IN RE PACIFIC FERTILITY CENTER  
LITIGATION*, Case No. 3:18-cv-01586-JSC.

I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I  
understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in  
the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or  
item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance  
with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern  
District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if  
such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



1 **IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.**

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3 Dated: September 7, 2018

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19 **FILER'S ATTESTATION**

20 Pursuant to Civil L.R. 5-1(i)(3), regarding signatures, I, Adam E. Polk attest that concurrence in  
21 the filing of this document has been obtained.

22 Dated: September 7, 2018

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23 **IT IS ORDERED** that the forgoing Agreement is approved.

24 Dated: September 10, 2018

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26 The Honorable Jacqueline Scott Corley